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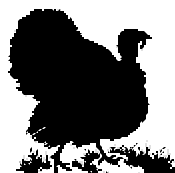
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady, instances firm. Movement through channels was fairly good for frozen and fresh whole birds for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Supplies were mixed, mostly light with hens the least available. Demand was light to moderate with most interest for fill in or spot shortages. Bulk meats trading was slow to moderate. Offerings were light and held with confidence. Market tone was steady to fully steady.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on light volumes of mechanically separated turkey, thigh meat, tails and tom drums; balance of items was slow. Interest was noted from Russia, Mexico and Asia. Offerings were light to moderate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 04, 2004**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-81	77-77.5	77.17	30	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	76-78	77.33	60	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-79	78-79	78.10	200	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	75-76.5	75.50	30	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-77	74.5	74.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	77	77.00	100	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-82	79-82	80.71	280	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-80	78.5-79.5	79.17	30	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	76-77	76.29	280	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF NOV 05, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	80.37	77.00	68.56
CENTRAL REGION	77.10	77.00	66.50
WESTERN REGION	78.55	77.00	70.71
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	76.21	76.00	63.31
CENTRAL REGION	75.19	79.00	64.55
WESTERN REGION	77.78	76.74	64.07

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	85

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 08-NOV-2004

Price (cents/lb.)      Volume (lbs.)

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	93.52	7,200,000
16-24 lbs.	96.81	10,326,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	640,000
16-24 lbs.	--	560,000

Total Volume:      18,726,000

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NOTE: For continuity during the report transition to a national basis,  
Eastern Region data will be shown separately until December 2.  
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**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT**

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 08-NOV-2004

	<u>HENS (8-16#)</u>	<u>TOMS (16-24#)</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (Promotions Included)	89.00 2100	88.85 2116
SALES (Promotions not Included)	89.00 2100	88.85 2116
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)	120	40

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 30-Oct-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
		<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>		<u>WT</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>				<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	
North East	783	6	21.51	(A)	784
South Atlantic	779	1	29.99	(A)	780
North Central	2,258	9	31.36	(A)	2,258
South Central	647	37	19.18	(A)	647
West	687	63	24.05	(A)	687
U.S. total	5,154(B)	15	27.15	2	5,156
To-date					
2004	187,119(B)			310	187,429
To-date					
2003	202,431(B)			556	202,987

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 63,000; for the current year to date 2,270,000; for last year to date 2,743,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

September	425,583*
October 1-30, 2004	429,228*

To date 2004	4,209,291*
To date 2003	4,511,321*

\*Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 30-Oct-2004

	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Head	2,165	2,926	63	2
Avg Wt	15.89	35.54	24.57	24.95
Last week	1,806	2,597	87	8
Same wk yr ago	2,391	3,124	55	2
Avg Wt	16.13	33.98	25.85	62.54
To-date/2004	74,523	110,326	2,270	310
To-date/2003	81,253	118,435	2,743	556

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 04 NOVEMBER 2004.

The market tone on tom drums was steady to barely steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings were short to instances ample, mostly adequate with prices continuing to gradually trend lower. The market tone on tom full-cut wings was steady to instances weak. Sellers were attempting to hold the market, however, lower trending offering prices continued to be noted. Demand light to instances moderate. Some industry members were starting to watch the wing meat with skin market for its response to the lower trending tom full-cut wing prices. The tom 2-joint wing market was steady to firm with supplies short of buyers' needs. The tom neck market was steady for the light demand. Offerings light to adequate. The mechanically separated turkey (MST) market was steady to fully steady for the light demand. Offerings were light but held with confidence. Trading centered on a moderate volume of fresh 4-8 lb. breasts for domestic shipments, balance light. For domestic: livers 22.50 shipping point for pet foods, fresh tom wings 53-57, frozen MST -45 days age 17 delivered pet foods, frozen MST -30 days age 24 cents delivered late November. For export: livers 25 cents delivered January-December, 2005, young hen necks 19.50 cents delivered current.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	98.80	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	135.00-169.00		159.05	347
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-41.00		38.50	96
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	41.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	41.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	55.00		55.00	36
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	53.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	54.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	92.00	20
NECKS, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.43	23
NECKS, HEN		R	23.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	214.00-216.00		214.80	200
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	91.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	131.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	168.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	175.00		175.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	191.00	320
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	100.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.00		23.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.50-20.00		19.67	60
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	40.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	28.00		28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00-22.00		21.54	224
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	83.00		83.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady. Demand moderate to good, mostly moderate. Offerings light to adequate with instances of increased availability noted. The fresh destrapped tenderloin market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand moderate to good for the light to instances adequate offerings. The market tone on wing meat with skin was steady to instances firm with frozen in the strongest position. Demand moderate to good. Offerings ranged from short to instances adequate with a few noting supplies not as tight as previous weeks. The market tone on breast trim and scapula was fully steady. Demand fair to good with offerings short of buyers' needs. Trading centered on moderate volumes of fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, balance slow. For domestic (fresh): breast trim 132-146 mostly 132-137, scapula 113-134 mostly 121, frozen +12 months age frozen destrapped tenderloins 156 cents delivered. Fresh thigh meat traded at 87 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY	
				VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG PRICE
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	98.80	400	98.14
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	159.05	347	158.91
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/					
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	40	39.57
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	41.00		41.00	40	41.00
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	41.00	20	41.00
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	55.00	36	55.13
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	54.00		54.00	40	54.00
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	54.00	20	53.40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	91.00		91.00	40	91.80
NECKS, TOM		R	29.43	23	29.21
NECKS, HEN					
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/					
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	213.00-216.00		214.11	360	215.16
THIGH MEAT					
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	91.00		91.00	120	91.00
BREAST TRIM MEAT	132.00-137.00		134.38	21	132.16
SCAPULA MEAT					
TENDERLOINS		W	168.00	160	168.05
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	175.00	40	174.00
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	188.00-191.00		190.82	298	190.91
WING MEAT WITH SKIN					
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	23.00	40	22.50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00-19.50		18.75	80	19.10
EXPORT TRADING					
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00		38.00	40	39.33
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS					
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM					
TAILS	22.00		22.00	104	23.67
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.50-20.50		19.06	144	20.82
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00		78.00	104	80.06

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